

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce, Ward and Wenke.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Bieda moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 27, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4628** before the committee:

HB 4628 Miller	Campaign finance; other; campaign finance law modifications; provide for.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Miller, sponsor of HB 4628, explained the bill to the committee.

Bill Black, Executive Director of Democratic, Republican Independent Voter Education (DRIVE), testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Robert LaBrant, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Dave Stafford, representing the Michigan Education Association (MEA), testified in support of the bill.

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, testified and submitted written testimony indicating neutrality on the bill.

Doug Novak, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified in opposition to the bill.

Brad Wittman, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), submitted a card in support of the bill.

Hilda Patricia Curran, representing herself, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the Michigan American Federation State County Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Ken Fletcher, representing the Michigan State AFL-CIO, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Nadine Nosal, representing the International Union - UAW, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan (AFT – MI), submitted a card in support of the bill.

Mel Grieshaber, representing the Michigan Corrections Organization – SEIU, submitted a card in support of the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair
House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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76 Minutes